Tada near Tamilnadu border to Itchapuram near Orissa Border; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what action has been taken by the Central Government in view of the importance of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been projecting the requirement from time to time, for the construction/development of the Coastal Road from Tada to Itchapuram to be financed by the Central Government. At the behest of the Standing Committee of Southern Zonal Council, the State Chief Minister, in May, 1985 also made a reference, which envisages that the segment from Ongole (Kothapatnam) to Kakinada, forming a part of the Coastal Road in question may be taken up on priority basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores. However, owing to limitation of resources, it has not been possible to render financial assistance under any of the Centrally-Sponsored schemes.

Road Development Plans

1451. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Road Congress has evolved draft development plan for India (1981-2001) in co-ordination with the department of Surface Transport;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Road development plan with special reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Government to take necessary action to declare ten State Roads as National Highways under the above plan: and

(d) if so, what are the particulars of the roads proposed to be declared as National Highways and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report *inter-alia* envisages increasing the road length to 27,00,000 Kms for country and to 1,74,856 for Andhra Pradesh by the year 2001.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Due to constraint of resources, it is not possible at present to declare any of the ten State Roads in question as National Highways.

Works sanctioned under the Central Road Fund Scheme for Andhra Pradesh

1452. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of works with their estimated costs which were sanctioned under the Central Road Fund Scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the sixth plan period and the total amount released by the Government of India as its share upto 1985-86 and the balance amount due, for the completion of the ongoing works and also the amount payable to the State Government by the Government of India as its share for the financial year 1986-87 under this scheme and whether there was any delay in payment; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in payment of dues and by when the balance amount due under this scheme would be paid to the State Government by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 577.672 lakhs has been approved from Central Road Fund for 20 road/bridge works. Rs. 340.63 lakhs has been released to Government of